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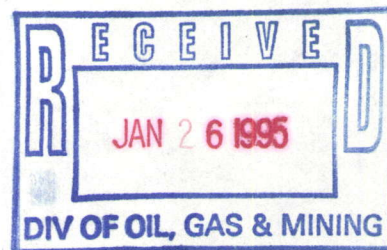
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Mr. Don Dallape  
Absolute Mining & Minerals, Inc., (AMMI)  
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Re: BLM UTU-72488 Placer Mine Along  
the Dolores River in Grand County

Dear Mr. Dallape:

We have reviewed a letter, submitted to us on January 17, 1995, written by your consultant D.C. Johnson. In this letter Mr. Johnson states that "zero amount of wash water will return to the Dolores River". Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the letter sent to the BLM office that states "any water returning to the river will be within the guidelines of the State water quality standards". These two statements appear to be contradictory, could you please clarify. Enclosed is the letter we received highlighting these statements.

Depending on which of these statements are correct we need to receive clarification or we need to receive and review a detailed plan for treatment of the wash water prior to discharge to the river.

Following our review of the proposed facility, we will advise you whether you will need a ground water, discharge, and/or construction permits. The permits must be issued before you can begin construction of a process facility.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or Mr. Lyle Stott of my staff.

Sincerely,

Kiran L. Bhayani, P.E., D.EE., Manager  
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Enclosure

KB:LWS:

cc: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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